



# Eight O'Clock Reports

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## BRANCH MEETING January 18, 2023

At 1915 President Randy Phillipp, convened an informal meeting with 7 members present including PNC Paul Gunther, Jr. Past President Keith Kaider, Shipmate Thomas Rauch, Shipmate Ralph Freibert (Zoom), Shipmate Valerie Mathews (Zoom) and Shipmate Mark Allen (Zoom).

The meeting started with discussion and approval of the December Minutes. Shipmate Kaider made a motion to approve, Shipmate Freibert seconded and all approved.

Next was the Report of Standing Committees. Membership & Retention, Shipmate Phillipp reported that as of January we have 65 members with no renewals, past dues, lost or gains.

Americanism & Patriotism, Shipmate Gunther reported that he received five essays, one eighth grade, two eleventh grade and two twelfth grade. These were graded after the meeting and Shipmate Gunther will submit the Branch essays winners along with the Branch Interim Americanism Report to Shipmate Kim Biggs (Br. 24) East Coast Region A&P Chairman for further grading and selection.

Hospitals, Welfare, & Rehabilitation, Shipmate Phillipp had nothing to report.

Youth Activities, Shipmate Kaider had nothing to report.

Next were communications to be read, Shipmate Rauch reported that he downloaded the following documents from the National Mailing List (NML), received via mail, or received via email: 1) Request for NVP 2023-24 Endorsement Letter from PRPWC/PRPNC Maria Behm. 2) 2023 - 95th FRA-LAFRA National Convention Sparks NV Newsletter #1. 3) East Coast Regional Mid-Year Meeting Information 2023 Flyer, received from RSEC Paula Falu. 4) 2023 East Coast Regional Convention Bulletin #1, received from PNC Valerie Toulotte. No other communications were received.

Shipmate Rauch went over the December Financial Statement and supporting reports. Shipmate Gunther made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report that was audited by Audit Committee Trustee, Shipmate Kaider. Shipmate Kaider seconded and all approved. Shipmate Rauch also mentioned that he ordered four NJROTC medals from Space City Branch 159 for \$19 each for a total of \$76.

There was no Unfinished or Deferred Business.

New Business, 1) It was reminded that the next CLC meeting will be on Saturday, January 28, 2023 @ 1400 and that it will be held at Branch 24 and via Zoom. 2) It was also reported that the 2023 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting will be over the weekend of February 24-25, 2023 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Virginia Beach, VA. 3) The 2023 East Coast Region Convention will be hosted by Branch/Unit 24 during July 5-8, 2023 at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Annapolis, MD. 4) Annual Washington Commanders ticket raffle preparation, Shipmate Kaider reported that he purchased the raffle tickets. No other new business.

Good of the Order was held and then at 1935 Shipmate Rauch made a motion to adjourn, Shipmate Kaider seconded and all approved. Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 15, 2023 @ 1900 at American Legion Post 86 and via Zoom.

## ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER

As of this printing, 49 of 65 Branch members and 11 of 28 Unit members have agreed to receive their newsletter by email.

If you are receiving this newsletter by snail mail and could get it by email, PLEASE send Shipmate Rauch your email address.

## Important Dates for February 2023

- 02 Feb ~ Groundhog Day
- 14 Feb ~ Valentine's Day
- 15 Feb ~ Branch Meeting @ 1900, American Legion Post 86, 2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD and via Zoom/Dial-in  
**Zoom:** URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/74199719408>  
Meeting ID: 741 9971 9408  
**Dial-In:** 1-301-715-8592 or 1-253-215-8782  
Meeting ID: 741 9971 9408
- 19 Feb ~ USCG Reserves Birthday (1941)
- 20 Feb ~ President's Day
- 22 Feb ~ Ash Wednesday



## Retain, Recruit, and Attend Reminder



### Retention:

Membership As of January 2023				
Active	For Renewal	Past Due	Lost	Gain
65	0	0	0	0

You can renew at [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org) or please contact our Branch Secretary for more information.

**Recruitment/Reinstatement:** See [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org) or Branch Secretary for more details on incentive programs.

**Attendance:** See above for Branch Meeting Date, Time, Location

## We Want You!

It's a new year and our Branch membership is decreasing at a rapid pace. We have lost **69 members** since July 2016. Please see our current demographics that are listed on the back of this newsletter. We need **YOU** for retention of current members, recruiting/reinstating members and attending monthly Branch Meetings. This needs to happen to ensure the survival of the Branch and our commitment to the FRA.

### Retention

As of January 2023, we have 65 active members. You can renew the following ways:

- \***On-line:** [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org) (Go to Membership and Join FRA)
- \***Telephone:** 1-703-683-1400 or Toll Free 1-800-FRA-1924
- \***FRA App:** On a Smartphone download under "Play Store", search FRA.
- \***Mail:** Complete a membership application and mail.
- \***In person:** Please visit us at one of our branch meetings.

### Recruitment/Reinstatement

The FRA has the "Moving Forward" campaign which includes different programs that gives a member incentives to recruit/reinstate members. These programs include the following:



- Recruit 3 Program
- Recruit 5 Program
- Recruit 10 Program
- Recruit 32 Program
- Recruit 50 Program



For more information on these programs or on recruiting please see [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org) or contact our Branch Secretary.

### Branch Meetings

Our meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the American Legion Post # 86, located at 2013 Veirs Mill Road lower level behind the Dairy Queen. You can also attend using Zoom and/or calling in using the information listed under Important Dates above.

We need **YOU** to attend the Branch Meetings and help support the Branch. This can be done by recruiting, filling positions, chairing committees. This is key for Branch survival – otherwise we risk folding. If the FRA continues this downward trend – CONGRESS will see this and CUT our hard earned benefits. The FRA FIGHTS for all of us, we need to fight for the survival of the FRA!!!!!!

Members Only



Two Bell Ceremony in remembrance of those Shipmates that have received orders to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander.



Please remember our troops who continue to serve at home and around the world.

**Upcoming Meetings/Events**

**2023 East Coast Region Mid-Year Meeting**

February 24-26, 2023  
 Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Norfolk Hotel & Conference Center  
 5655 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach 23462  
 Reservations 800-567-3856 Code: FLE \$89/night

**Annual LAFRA Arlington National Cemetery Pilgrimage**

April 11-15, 2023  
 The Westin Old Town Alexandria  
 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA 22314

**Central Liaison Committee**

April 22, 2023 2:00 PM Hosted by Branch/Unit 181

**2023 East Coast Region Convention**

July 5-8, 2023  
 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel  
 210 Holiday Ct, Annapolis, MD 21401  
 Reservations: (410) 224-3150 Code: ZFC Rate: \$130/night

**95th FRA / 90th LA FRA National Convention**

September 23-30, 2023  
 Nugget Casino Resort, 1100 Nugget Avenue, Sparks, NV 89431  
 Reservations: (833) 456-0764  
 Rate: \$102.00 plus 13.5% tax and a \$2.00 Tourism Fee



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

James Carnahan 1st Samuel Webb 18th  
 William Kaczor, Jr 8th Edward Braithwood 23rd  
 Randy Phillipp 9th Paul Lenker 23rd

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIPMATES**

**FEBRUARY FRA ANNIVERSARIES**

Lenus Barnes 65yrs Paul Davis, Jr 26yrs

**Thank you for your support, Shipmates**



**Triangle Branch 182 Demographics**

These are some statistical data about our branch members, which breakdowns current active regular and life members, membership years, members' age and members' locations.

These demographics are a comparison between 2022 and 2023 membership and are depicted on these tables.

Keynotes:

- Membership decreased by 10.
- Since July 2016 membership decreased by 69.
- No members under the age of 30 and ONLY 1 member under age 50.

Membership Years	2022 Members	2023 Members
0 - 9	10	7
10 - 19	14	13
20 - 29	12	12
30 - 39	12	10
40 - 49	15	12
50 - 59	7	6
60 - 69	5	4
70 - 79	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>65</b>

Age Range	2022 Members	2023 Members
18 - 19	0	0
20 - 29	0	0
30 - 39	1	1
40 - 49	0	0
50 - 59	4	1
60 - 69	16	15
70 - 79	19	17
80 - 89	24	23
90 - 99	10	8
100 +	0	0
Unknown	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>65</b>

Membership Type	2022 Members	2023 Members
Regular	40	26
Life	33	37
Charter - Life	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>65</b>

State	2022 Members	2023 Members
MD	45	38
VA	4	4
DC	0	0
DE	0	0
WV	1	1
Other	25	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>65</b>



**FRA AUXILIARY UNIT 182**

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Helen Trimmer 55yrs  
 Dolores Manley 41yrs  
 Gloria Bastian 33yrs  
 Anne Dobbs 22yrs  
 Janet Clark 18yrs  
 Angie Wilson 8yrs

**Thank you for your support, Auxiliary Members**

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Lisa Nesbitt 13th  
 Helen Trimmer 28th

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AUXILIARY MEMBERS**



LAFRA-01-19-2023

On January 19, 2023, we held our regular meeting at the Urbana Regional Library. We had 7 members in attendance including two PRP, Gloria Bastian and Dee Kessinger.

Secretary Gloria read last month's minutes and Treasurer Anne gave the treasurers report. Both reports were approved.

For Americanism, Anne read "The Only Flag That Doesn't Fly". The Floral Flag is planted near Vandenberg AFB. The flag is 740' long and 390' wide. The flag covers 6.65 acres and is estimated to contain more than 400,000 Larkspur plants.



Unit President, Dolores, presented PRP Dee Kessinger a small farewell gift, because she is moving to Florida (Top Right Picture). Anne read a note of appreciation for Dee (Bottom Right Picture). We then had lunch at the Surf House Island Cantina. Enjoy the warm weather and bright skies Dee. You will be missed by all. Please visit us next time you're in Maryland.

Our next meeting will be February 16, 2023, 11:30 at the Urbana Library. Please join us.

Respectfully,  
 Susan Kaider

